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SUMMARY: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER SHARES OUR VIEW THAT
IT WOULD BE WRONG TO EXCLUDE THE KHMER GOVERNMENT FROM
THE UN. HE IS A STRONG BELIEVER IN THE PRINCIPLE OF
UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP, AND BELIEVES THIS WILL CARRY

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WEIGHT WITH THOSE (INCLUDING PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS OF

HIS OWN UN DELEGATION) WHO MIGHT WISH TO SEE A DIFFERENT OUTCOME. END SUMMARY

1. IN MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG SEPT 9 I PASSED ALONG TO HIM THE SECRETARY'S STRONG VIEWS ABOUT THE HANDLING OF THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE AT THE UN AND SAID THAT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY BAD TO THROW OUT A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT TO PUT IN A COMMUNIST ONE THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE COUNTRY.

2 GULDBERG SAID THAT DENMARK HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THE POSITION IT HAD TAKEN LAST YEAR (A VOTE FOR DEFERRAL). HE HIMSELF HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH THE DANISH AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO PHNOM PENH (RESIDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR) AND HAD BEEN DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS TALKING ABOUT EXCLUSION OF THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT. FOR HIS PART, THE FONMIN EMPHASIZED, HE SHARED OUR VIEW. HE WENT ON TO ADD, AS A CAUTIONARY NOTE, THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND WAS SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL FIELD. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DANISH UN DELEGATION COMPRISES A NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARIANS, SOME OF WHOM, HE SAID, WOULD LISTEN MORE TO SWEDEN THAN HE WOULD, ADDING IN A LIGHTER VEIN THAT FOR ONCE IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEIOUS TO US IF HE LISTENDED TO THE FRENCH 'WHICH IS HIS REPUTATION). GULDBERG SAID THAT IT WAS HIS JUDGMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND INDEED THE DANISH PUBLIC, WOULD SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP AND THE IDEA THAT A VALID GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED BY THE UN AND IN CONTROL OF A CAPITAL AND SIZEABLE SHARE OF THE POPULATION SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. I POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT FULFILL THESE CONDITIONS.

3. GULDBERG SAID THAT HIS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PREDECESSOR, K.B. ANDERSEN, HAD MAINTAINED THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP LAST YEAR EVEN UNDER STRONG ATTACK FROM THE LEFT WING OF HIS OWN PARTY. HE COULD NOT DO LESS, FOR HE KNEW HE WOULD HAVE ANDERSEN'S
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BACKING.

4. COMMENT: I LEFT A COPY OF THE VERY VALUABLE BACKGROUND PAPER CONTAINED IN STATE 192560 WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. (WE HAD ALREADY GIVEN A COPY TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH FOR USE IN THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS OF CAMBODIA BY THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS.) IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THE DANES, WILL BE AS SOLID AS CAN BE

EXPECTED ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE, ALWAYS BEARING IN
MIND THAT THEIR POSITION WILL IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS
BE GOVERNED SOMEWHAT BY DEVELOPMENTS AT THE GA ITSELF.
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